

Revelations

Sharon Center United Methodist Newsletter

March 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I write this, the sun is shining and it's forecast to be almost fifty degrees outside today. I can see grass poking up between the mounds of snow along the road and down my driveway. As people who live in Ohio, we have accepted the change of season and are used to the changes – sometimes all in the same day. We are prepared for whatever comes our way with shovels, salt, umbrella, sunglasses and sunscreen. But are we prepared for a change in spiritual seasons?

I remember being surprised as a young person realizing that not every Church celebrated Lent, the 40 days (not counting Sundays) leading up to Resurrection Day. I've always enjoyed the idea of preparing my soul and my physical space for Holy Week, spending time with God and taking inventory of my faith and my life. Matthew 24:44 say, "So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him." Being ready implies preparation, awareness, alertness and faith. Lent gives me all these things.

We'll begin on Wednesday, March 2 with a gathering of God's people for a simple meal of soup and bread at 6PM in Fellowship Hall, followed by a service of repentance and the imposition of ashes at 7PM.

During this season of forty days, we'll be placing ourselves in the story of the passion of Jesus, exploring what it may have been like to be in the story. In each instance we'll talk about the risk involved. As a follower of Jesus, what are you risking? Or do you like to play it safe? Those that followed Jesus risked their reputation, dignity, failure, rejection, loss of friends/family and temptation. Key moments for our Lent journey include entry into Jerusalem, cleansing the temple, teaching about money, anointing with alabaster oil, last supper, the garden prayer at Gethsemane. Where are you in the story? Are you standing at the edge of the crowd– or are you part of the action?

I invite you to participate in the Celebration of Life services our faithful saints who have passed into eternity. We will have a Memorial Service for Guy and Wanda Quick on Sunday, March 13 at 1PM and for Elaine Mravetz on Saturday, March 19 at 11AM. The community of faith is encouraged to come and participate as we remember the wonderful life-giving Words of everlasting life that are made possible through the sacrifice and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. May every day be a witness to the resurrection and a celebration of the life we are given.

Springtime Blessings,

Pastor Jane



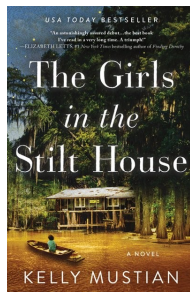
Did Someone Hand You This Newsletter?

If so, we're excited to share with you all the things going on in the life of Sharon Center United Methodist Church! Our church is a community that seeks to discover more about God and about who we are as the people God loves. We are truly a family of all ages, and there's always room for more! You're always invited to take part in all the activities and gatherings listed in this newsletter, as well as to join us every Sunday morning at 10:30am as we gather to worship and connect. Thanks!



Book Club

March 5th *The Girls in the Stilt House* by Kelly Mustian will be discussed. This book is set in the 1920s Mississippi where two teenage girls form an unlikely partnership through murder.



April 2nd *Cloud Cuckoo Land* by Anthony Doerr. This is an imaginative time-travel creation set partly during the 1453 siege of Constantinople.

~Nancy Vogel



Ash Wednesday

Join us as we begin our remembrance of the suffering and passion of Jesus Christ, prepare our hearts through repentance and encourage one another our Ash Wednesday Service on March 2, at 7 PM. We will begin with a Soup and Bread Supper in Fellowship Hall at 6PM. Please join us for this special time.



Interested in Church Membership, Baptism or Confirmation? Please contact Pastor Jane for more information. A time of preparation is required that varies depending on the circumstances. Confirmation classes begin in the Fall. Baptism and church membership are welcome anytime but are particularly meaningful at Easter and Pentecost.

Holy Week – Mark Your Calendar!

Maundy Thursday, April 14, at 7:00 PM

Good Friday Service, April 15, at 7:00 PM

Easter Sunrise Service, April 17, at 7:00 AM at Greenleaf Park

Easter Breakfast, Fellowship Hall, April 17, at 8:30 AM

Resurrection Celebration Service, April 17, at 10:30AM



Guy and Wanda Quick, A Joint Celebration of Life for both, on March 13. There will be a meal served after the 10:30a Worship Service followed by the Memorial Celebration Service at 1p.

A Celebration of Life will be held for **Elaine Mravetz** in March, beginning with calling hours at Carlson Funeral Home, 3477 Medina Rd, Medina, Ohio on Friday, March 18 from 3 to 7 PM. A Service will be held at Sharon Center United Methodist Church at 11a on Saturday, March 19, followed by lunch in Fellowship Hall. A Service on Committal will be held at 2 p at Sharon Township Cemetary. Everyone is invited to attend the services and the lunch.

Calendar

Regular Schedule:

Sun. 10:30a Worship
available on Facebook Live

March

3/2	6p	Soup Supper
	7p	Ash Wednesday
3/5	10a	Book Club
3/8	7p	<i>Passion of Jesus</i> Study
3/9	7p	Leadership Team mtg
3/12	3p-5p	Maple Syrup outing
3/12	6p	Aspire Women's Event
3/13	1p	Quick Memorial Service
3/15	7p	<i>Passion of Jesus</i> Study
3/19	11a	Mravetz Memorial Service
3/22	7p	<i>Passion of Jesus</i> Study
3/29	7p	<i>Passion of Jesus</i> Study

Easter Week Calendar:

4/10	10:30a	Palm Sunday
4/14	7p	Maundy Thursday
4/15	7p	Good Friday
4/17	7a	Sunrise Service at Greenleaf Park
	8:30a	Easter Breakfast
	10:30a	Easter Service

*If you have an address/ phone/ email update, please contact the office.

March Birthdays

2 - Jean Geitgey
Wanda Lang

3 - Chloe Brosch

10 - Larry Rexroad

13 - James Eales

15 - Alex Graham

17 - Pat Bernhard

21 - Eryn Graham

26- Benjamin Falconer

23 - Tricia Antonelli

31 - Richard Frost

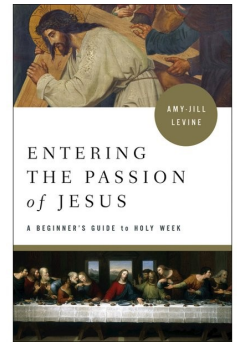
March Anniversaries

12 - Patrick & Erin Keenan

27- John & Eileen Smith

Foundations Team Spiritual Growth Discussions

Join the Lenten Bible Study *Entering the Passion of Jesus*. This six-week session will be lead by Pastor Jane. It is focused on Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem to his prayerful agony in Gethsemane. This study starts on March 8, at 7pm in the Church Conference Room.



Blessed Are the Chosen will begin on April 19, at 7pm in the Conference Room. This is the official companion study to season 2 of television series *The Chosen*. Please join us as we view the series and discuss the life of Jesus. This will include a deep dive into the Sermon on the Mount. It also will cover that we have hope, we have assurances and riches, and we are blessed no matter what our circumstance are all because God's favor is upon us. The study will be 8 weeks long and led by Stephen Kinford
~ Nancy Vogel

Food Pantry Collection

For March we'll collect boxed rice and boxed potatoes. Let's bless our local pantry with boxes of potatoes and rice!



Grief Group

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit"
Psalm 34:18

Thursdays 7:00 PM from April 21 -May 26, 2022
Sharon Center United Methodist Church

If you have suffered a loss of a loved one recently you may be experiencing grief. Grief – it's something we all have faced or will face, but often don't have the tools to manage it. Why am I so sad? Why do I feel so tired all the time? I just don't feel like myself.

Wouldn't you love to have a safe place where you could learn about grief, and share your life, and discover tools to cope?

Join us beginning Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 7:00 PM at Sharon Center United Methodist Church, 6407 Ridge Road, Sharon Center, for six weeks as we explore together what grief is, how to process it and heal from the wounds that hurt us when we lose someone we love.

Leaders: John and Lori Weiss, experienced Grief Support Group Leaders for over twenty-five years, and Pastor Jane Piehl, Pastor of Sharon Center UMC and Chaplain/Bereavement Coordinator for a local hospice.

Leadership Team

Thank you to those who are serving on our Leadership Board, for those who have served for many years and for those who have just begun. Their leadership, and God's provision, make our community possible.

Nancy Vogel - Chairperson
Charlie Tramel - Financial Secretary
Bill Baldwin
Randy Raw
Paul Turner
Heather Lahoski
George Wemmer
Pastor Jane Piehl
Lisa Herr, Ad Hoc member, Treasurer



Summer Camp

Join a Summer Camp program at Camp Wanake, Aldersgate, or Asbury. Many new programs available for youth with varying time frames. Contact the Church office or check out a brochure on the bulletin board for more info.

Easter Flower Orders

Easter Flower Orders will begin in March. Forms and prices will be out soon.



Aspire Women's Night

Aspire is a ladies' night out full of laughter, learning, stories, and music. It's 1 night and 3 hours full of fellowship and fun. We hope you are making plans to join us on March 12th in North Olmsted, OH. Tickets are on sale, so now is a great time to invite some friends and plan a ladies' night out. General tickets range from \$20 - \$25 and can be bought online or over the phone. We hope you can make it.

the back of the sanctuary or contact Pastor Jane to sign up. Tickets will be purchased as a group for the group rate.

We will be taking a group to the event. Please sign up at

Date: March 12

Time: 6pm

Location: North Olmsted Friends Church, 5665 Great Northern Blvd. North Olmsted, OH 44070



Scout Sunday 2022

Thank you to all those who participated this year!

Blessing Box Completed

Eagle Scout Project: "Blessing Box"

Blessing Box – What is a Blessing Box? To be used as an outreach to the community for those seeking basic food items or books

Who can use it? ANYONE. If you need food to carry you over until you can get to the store or to the pantry, pick some up. If you have extra, drop it off. If you are looking for a free book, look through what we have or drop off one you don't need. This is a community box for everyone to use.

Location: In front of Sharon Center United Methodist Church

Completed by Thomas Gorenc, Troop 411, Chartered by Sharon Center UMC, January 2021



Maple Syrup Day in Wooster for Sparks & Friends March 12 from 3 to 5 PM - Please join us!

From the Director: The Christian Children's Home of Ohio (Advance Special 9977) is blessed to have over 700 Maple Trees on our property at 2685 Armstrong Road, Wooster, Ohio. An arborist inspected our woods, and we can tap the trees and make some outstanding Maple Syrup.

Our children are collecting the sap, but we need help. A Northeast Ohio grocery store chain is putting the CCHO Maple Syrup on its shelves and promoting it. All the proceeds benefit our children. Plus, the kids experience the joy of making Maple Syrup!

When you arrive, go to our maintenance building which is in the northwest corner of our property. There is a parking lot there. Call our Facility Director Jeff Stump when you arrive. Jeff's mobile phone number is 330.466.2117. Jeff or a member of his team will show you what to do and give you everything you need.

You'll be directed to the woods where the Maple Trees are. The tapped trees have 3-gallon plastic bags attached to them with a spile (spigot). You will drain the bags into five-gallon buckets. To do this, you simply tip the bag sideways and the sap pours out of a hole that's been cut in the corner of the bag. The bag never comes off the tree.

When a bucket is filled you carry it to our Gator vehicle and place it into the storage bed. The bed holds up to 8, 5-gallon buckets. When the buckets are filled, you drive them to a 275-gallon plastic vat at the entrance of the woods and dump the contents into the vat. However many you are able to empty during your time period is fine. Take breaks if you get tired. Enjoy the scenery.

We are joining with Scouts to help with this project. Please contact Paul Turner if interested or the church office. Let's bless the kids at the Wooster Christian Children's Home!

Easter Services

Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service at 7a Greenleaf Park

Easter Breakfast 8:30am at the Church

Traditional Service at 10:30a

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Service time: Sunday, 10:30a

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